(a) whether Government propose to assist Karnataka Government for various ongoing irrigation projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount to be released therefor and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) 8 major & medium irrigation projects of Karnataka have been receiving Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 and an amount of Rs. 1,954.218 crore has been released upto March, 2004. The release of CLA to Karnataka under this programme during the current year is dependent upon the utilization of the CLA already released and the receipt of the proposals for the release of next instalment.

Water to Rajasthan from Ravi and Beas Rivers

t2230. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement was entered into on 31st December, 1981 in the meeting of the then Prime Minister with the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan for releasing 8.6 MAF water to Rajasthan from the water of Ravi and Beas rivers;

(b) whether Rajasthan has been deprived of its remaining share of 0.60 MAF water, so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the details of steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) An agreement was entered into by the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan in the presence of the then Prime Minister of India on 31.12.1981 re-allocating the mean supply of 17.17 MAF of surplus Ravi Beas waters. According to the Agreement, the re-allocated share of Rajasthan was 8.60 MAF.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) The agreement also provided that "Until such time as Rajasthan is in a position to utilize its full share, Punjab shall be free to utilize the waters surplus to Rajasthan's requirements" and also stated that "As a result, it is expected that during this transitional period when Rajasthan's requirements would not exceed 8.00 MAF, 4.82 MAF should be available to Punjab in a mean year when the availability is 17.17 MAF". Accordingly, an *ad hoc* interim arrangement of distribution considering the share of Rajasthan as 8 MAF was approved in December 1982 in a meeting of the Bhakra Beas Management Board, which decides the periodical distribution of the Ravi Beas waters, and the same has since been followed.

(d) An Inter-State meeting was convened on 25.07.2002. In view of Punjab's inability to restore remaining 0.6 MAF of Rajasthan's share of Ravi-Beas waters indicated therein, the Union Minister of Water Resources desired that the two States should meet and make further efforts to resolve the issue amicably.

Proposal for controlling loss due to floods

2231. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people died and property lost on account of fury of rampaging flood in West Bengal, Assam and Bihar this year;

(b) whether almost same situation is faced by lakhs of people taking shelter in camps and surging floods entering their huts/homes every year, and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to control such floods by inter-connection of rivers at the earliest or by taking other measures?

THE MINISTER OF .STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The damages reported by the State Governments of Assam, and Bihar on account of floods during the current year are given as under:

Damages	Units	Assam	Bihar	West Bengal
Human lives lost	No.	251	701	Not reported
Total damages due to crops, houses and public utility	Rs. in crores	1915.67	1551.119	Not reported